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FOR: FEATURE SIZE REDUCTION IN THIN  
FILM MAGNETIC HEAD USING LOW  
TEMPERATURE DEPOSITION COAT-  
ING OF PHOTOLITHOGRAPHICALLY-  
DEFINED TRENCHES

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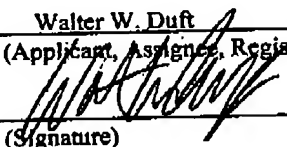
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